Satluj Hydro Power Nigam Limited

†1604. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Nathpa Jhakri Hydel Power Project has been set up by Satluj Hydro Power Nigam Limited in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of total construction cost and capacity of this project; and

(c) by when the said project has started production of electricity and the total income earned thereby?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL) has set up Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Project (NJHEP) in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The approved cost of the Project is Rs. 7,666.31 crores at June, 1998 price level. However, on account of unprecedented catastrophic flash flood on August 01, 2000 and due to development of geological instabilities in the de-silting chambers, the project suffered time and cost overruns. The pre-PIB in its meeting held on July 5, 2004 has recommended the revised cost of NJHEP at Rs. 8,187.713 crores. However, it has been estimated by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited that the final completion cost of construction of 1500 MW NJHEP is expected to be about Rs. 8,400 crores. The installed capacity of the project is 1500 MW with six units each of 250 MW.

(c) All the six units NJHEP have been commissioned in phased manner during the year 2003-04 as under:

Unit No.	Date of Synchronization	Date of Commercial Generation
Unit No. 5	September 20, 2003	October 06, 2003
Unit No. 6	November 23, 2003	January 02, 2004
Unit No. 4	January 22, 2004	March 30, 2004
Unit No. 3	February 13, 2004	March 31, 2004
Unit No. 2	March 09, 2004	May 06, 2004
Unit No. 1	March 31, 2004	May 18, 2004

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The total generation upto November 28, 2005 from all the six units together is 9507.16 million units and the SJVNL has earned a total revenue of Rs. 2,217.25 crores.

Foreign assistance for development of power sector

†1605. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign assistance for development of power sector is not being properly utilized;

(b) if so, the assistance and loan received from foreign countries during the last three years and amount utilized out of the said amount; and

(c) the details of action being taken by Government for appropriate utilization of the amount received for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the last three years, actual utilization of external assistance has been maintained at more than 100% of the budgeted estimates. The budgeted and actually disbursed external assistance in power sector during the last three years has been as follows:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Budget	Disbursement
2002-03	1594.60	2895.42
2003-04	3351.00	3562.09
2004-05	1726.82	1884.49

(c) The Government regularly monitors the implementation of all ongoing power projects including those receiving external assistance. To focus on specific problem areas in implementation of externally aided on-going power projects, a Project Monitoring Cell is functional in Ministry of Power. Quarterly meetings are taken to review the performance of each of the externally aided on-going power projects in the Ministry.

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